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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

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INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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AMEMBASSY QUITO

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AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON BANANA TAX

1. MINISTER OF ECONOMY SANCHEZ AND FINANCE MINISTER MORERA WILL MEET THIS WEEK-END WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF UNITED BRANDS AND BANDECO FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THE LEVEL OF THE BANANA TAX. MORERA TOLD THE PRESS THAT IN HIS OPINION THE TAX SHOULD BE FIXED TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE OPINION OF THE INTERESTED PARTIES AND THE INTERESTS OF THE NATION. HE EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT THE MEETING WILL LEAD TO A POSITIVE RESULT.

2. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES THAT UNITED BRANDS WILL BE REPRESENTED BY PEZ BALBOA FROM THE

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BOSTON OFFICE. IT WAS ALSO PLANNED THAT PRESIDENT ODUBER

WOULD MEET WITH GENERAL TORRIJOS THIS WEEKNEAR THE PANAMA-COSTA RICAN BORDER TO DISCUSS BANANAS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, BUT THIS MEETING HAS NOW BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT WEEK. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WITH TORRIJOS IS SAID TO BE FOR ODUBER TO RETURN THE MILLION DOLLARS THAT TORRIJOS HAD LENT TO COSTA RICA FOR POSSIBLE USE IN BUYING BANANA PROPERTIES.

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